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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

Deletions are strikethrough and additions are underlined

Claims 1 – 27 (Canceled)

- 28. (New) A method of obtaining amygdalin comprisingthe steps of;
 - a). obtaining a seed from a fruit of the genus Prunus,
 - b). drying the seed,
 - c). mixing dried seed with an extraction solvent,
 - d). extracting the dried seed with an extraction method for a period of time,
 - e). filtering extraction solvent and obtaining asupernatant,
 - f). concentrating supernatant,
 - g). drying concentrated supernatant, and
 - h). obtaining a dried extract of the seed from the fruit of the genus Prunus.
- 29. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising the steps of;
 - i). mixing the dried extract of the seed from the fruit of the genus Prunus in water,
 - j). mixing water suspension of sæd extract with a non-polar solvent,
 - k). allowing water and non-polar solvent to separate
 - 1). removing non-polar solvent fraction
 - m). retaining water soluble fraction
 - n). processing water soluble fraction with HPLC to obtain amygdalin abundant fraction.
- 30. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the fruit of the genus Prunus is selected from the group consisting of Prunus Persicae and Prunus Armenicae

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- 31. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the seed is unhusked.
- 32. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising the step between step b) and step c) of processing the dried seed by a method selected from the group consisting of powdering, crushing, cutting in pieces smaller than half, and cutting in pieces approximately half of seed.
- 33. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the extraction solvent in step c) is selected from the group consisting of distilled water, lower alcohols, methanol, ethanol, butanol, and mixtures thereof.
- 34. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the ratio of dried seed to extraction solvent is 1:5 to 1:20.
- 35. (New) The method of Claim 34, where the ratio of dried seed to extraction solvent is 1:10 to 1:15.
- 36. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the extraction solvent is water.
- 37. (New) The method of Claim 36, where the water contains at least one acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, acetic acid, and ascorbic acid
- 38. (New) The method of Claim 37, where the water contains 0.05% to 0.5% citric acid.
- 39. (New) The method of Claim 38, where the water contains about 0.1% citric acid.
- 40. (New) The method of Claim 36, where the water is at or above 100° C.
- 41. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the extraction solvent is methanol.
- 42. (New) The method of Claim 41, where the methanol is at or above 64° C

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- 43. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the period of time in step c) is 30 minutes to 6 hours.
- 44. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the extraction method in step d) is selected from the group consisting of hot water, cold water, reflux, and ultra-sonication extraction.
- 45. (New) The method of Claim 28, where step d) is repeated 1 to 5 times.
- 46. (New) The method of Claim 45, where step d) is repeated 2 to 3 times.
- 47. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the concentrating in step f) is with a rotary evaporator.
- 48. (New) The method of Claim 28, where the drying in step g) is by a method selected from the group consisting of vacuum freeze-drying, hot air-drying and spray drying.
- 49. (New) The method of Claim 29, where the ratio of water suspension of seed extract to non-polar solvent in step j) is 1:1 to 1:100.
- 50. (New) The method of Claim 49, where the ratio of water suspension of seed extract to non-polar solvent in step j) is 1:1 to 1:5.
- 51. (New) The method of Claim 29, where the non-polar solvent is selected from the group consisting of ethyl acetate, chloroform, and hexane.
- 52. (New) The method of Claim 29, where steps j) to m) are repeated 1 to 10 times.
- 53. (New) The method of Claim 52, where steps j) to m) are repeated 2 to 5 times.